

cipal amount in case of short term loans to small and marginal farmers,

- (vi) Where default is due to genuine reasons, banks should schedule the instalments under term loans

Export of Leather Goods

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

- (a) the details of the leather goods exported particularly from Delhi, during each

of the last three years and the current year, country-wise,

- (b) the amount of foreign exchange earned, country-wise,

- (c) the steps taken or proposed be taken by the Government to boost the export of leather products,

- (d) whether the export of leather/skin has been restricted, and

- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (e) A Statement is enclosed

STATEMENT

Exports of leather and leather products since 1988-89 have been as follows:

		(Value in Rs. Crores)			
S. No.	Item	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (Apr '91-Jan '92) Prov)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Semi-Finished Leather	45.00	21.06	3.97	-
2	Finished Leather	649.88	693.53	765.62	559.92
3	Footwear	130.17	171.43	210.44	227.32
4.	Footwear Components	425.62	518.25	609.96	795.50
5.	Leather Garments	166.15	332.88	579.20	495.15
6.	Other Leather Goods	191.55	292.88	408.62	310.70
Total.....		1608.37	2030.03	2577.81	2338.59

(Source: Council for Leather Exports)

While separate figures for exports from Delhi are not maintained, exports of leather and leather products from the northern region including Delhi were about 21% of the total exports during 1990-91

The country-wise exports of leather and leather products and hence foreign exchange earned since '88-89 are indicated below

Sl. No.	Country	(Value in Rs Crores)				
		1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (Apr Dec '91)	
		1	2	3	4	5
1	Germany	474.53	594.82	630.81	478.09	
2	The erstwhile USSR	340.24	3385.34	315.81	321.29	
3	USA	210.54	260.70	314.73	321.76	
4	Italy	119.57	184.69	310.18	206.62	
5	UK	176.18	227.17	309.20	250.47	
6	France	95.20	81.82	112.99	103.10	
7	Japan	30.10	31.38	50.07	33.60	
8	Australia	NA	41.56	46.16	41.83	
9	Spain	14.85	26.83	45.23	49.12	
10	Hong Kong	35.65	NA	44.71	56.81	
11	Netherlands	26.12	29.64	43.16	34.95	
12	Singapore	NA	NA	40.09	30.43	
13	Denmark	14.34	31.57	39.62	37.95	

Sl. No.	Country	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (Apr-Dec'91)
1	2	3	4	5	6
14.	Portugal	16.06	27.89	37.17	31.98
15.	Canada	18.22	32.46	29.29	28.33
16.	Others	36.77	134.16	208.59	312.26
	Total.....	1603.37	2030.03	2577.81	2338.59

(Source: Council for Leather Exports)

(c) To encourage export of leather products, Government has taken a number of promotional measures which inter-alia include

(i) duty free import of leather in raw, semi finished form to supplement domestic availability of leather,

(ii) import of other raw materials, consumables, accessories, chemicals and capital goods with concessional duties

(iii) strengthening design and development programmes,

(iv) augmenting manpower training both within the country or outside,

(v) establishing industrial estates and promoting common facility centres and

(vi) improving quality of Indian leather products and making them more competitive in the world market

(d) and (e) The Government policy is to progressively displace the exports of raw materials by value-added leather products and towards this end, exports of raw hides and skins and semi-finished leather have already been banned. Export of finished leather, though allowed at present, is subject to an export duty of 10%.

Merger of AFCL with NABARD

4994 SHRIMOHAN RAWALE Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether various committees set up by the Union Government from time to time have suggested that the Agricultural Finance Corporation Limited be converted into a subsidiary of the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development to ensure better results in the field of agriculture and rural development,

(b) whether any decision has since been taken,

(c) if so the details thereof and,

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (c) The role of Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd (AFC) was received by the Committee to Review Arrangement for Institutional Credit for Agriculture and Rural Development (CRAFTCARD) in 1981. The Committee had recommended the continuance of AFC as an independent consultancy organisation with close links with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). AFC continues to be an autonomous body, providing consultancy services both in India and abroad and carrying out its activities in an objective manner, as an independent organisation.

(d) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

[Translation]

Patrolling Boats in EEZ

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SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) the total area of the Exclusive Economic Zone,

(b) the estimated number of patrolling boats required to keep vigil in this area,

(c) the number of boats which are in operation at present, and